


Remarks

The above application was erroneously filed as a CPA. A petition was filed to convert the application to a continuation application under Rule 1.53(b), and that petition was granted on April 25, 2003. The response to the decision on petition was mailed on December 8, 2003, along with an amendment that canceled all references to Figures 17-19.

Along with the petition to convert the CPA to a continuation application, referencing the parent serial number of 09/641,190, the enclosed Preliminary Amendment was filed which canceled Claims 1-47, 55-82 and 87-97. While the Remarks to the Preliminary Amendment are illogical, the cancellation of claims leave Claims 48-54 and 83-86 pending. The undersigned cannot determine if the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 4, 2002 reached the Examiner for this case, or how the Examiner came to the conclusion that Claims 1-31 were pending. Applicant requests that examination occur on the basis of Claims 48-54 and 83-86.

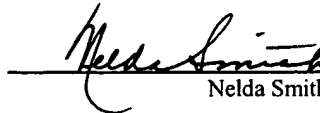
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